



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News **Weekly Egg Products Report** **October 26, 2001**

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 26-Oct-01 Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	68.01	60.15	68.40	85.22	72.43
Last week	66.46	57.33	64.34	81.97	69.75

Selected Cities Large - 26-Oct-01 **New York** 67-70 **Chicago** 59-64 **California** 90

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 22-Oct-01 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	123.5	319.8	151.7	194.1	217.2	1006.3	263.5	1269.8
% change PW	10	20	4	22	-6	10	-5	7

Breaking Stock 26-Oct-01 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	36-39 M 36-37		31-36 M 32-35	
Checks & Undergrades	17-22		17-24 M 18-21	

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 20-Oct-01.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,190,658	26,794	11,986	6,384	2,608	4,296
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,192,358	27,436	11,665	6,124	3,049	4,240
LAST YEAR	1,204,941	28,243	11,785	6,404	2,164	3,999
% CHANGE PW	0	-2	3	4	-14	1
% CHANGE LY	-1	-5	2	0	21	7
TO-DATE 2001	48,609,038	1,102,562	488,476	261,368	107,777	173,296
TO-DATE 2000	49,203,933	1,111,861	495,475	266,047	119,072	163,630
% CHANGE YTD	-1	-1	-1	-2	-9	6

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.54 **Previous Week:** 41.49 **Last Year:** 41.85

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 37.93 **Previous Week:** 37.93 **Last Year:** 38.53

Adjustments to previous week, year to date.

National Liquid Eggs - 26-Oct-01 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	9	31-33.5	32.94	.14
Whites	25	6-15.25	9.22	-2.38
Yolks	4	76.5-79	77.88	3.19

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 78 to 81 cents f.o.b., mostly 79 to 80 cents fob. No pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 26-Oct-01 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30 lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Central	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern		Eastern	South California ²
Whole	43-48 M 44-46			
	44-48 M 45	54-57	52-55	
Blends ³	Too Few To Report	-	66-90	-
Whites	22-32 M 24-30	25-32	29-49	29-32
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	82-88 M 84-87	82-88 M 84-86	85-93	89-92
Salted	79-84 M 80-83	79-83	79-90	85-88

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 26-Oct-01 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.52 - 2.00	1.58 - 1.65
Yolks	1.75 - 2.15	1.90 - 1.95
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.03 - 2.30	2.05 - 2.15
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.20 - 1.35	1.20 - 1.25

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 20-Oct-01

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,697	This week	319	This week	2,016
Last week	1,989	Last week	354	Last week	2,343
Last year	1,463	Last year	347	Last year	1,810
To Date 2001	74,913	To Date 2001	17,794	To Date 2001	92,707
To Date 2000	79,795	To Date 2000	19,492	To Date 2000	99,287

(R) Revised, reflected in to-date figure.

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Oct-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	379	0	0	379
Last year	202	0	40	242
To date 2001	10,066	78	80	10,224
To date 2000	5,845	159	459	6,463

* Revised

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Oct-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	178	20	0	198
Last year	58	12	26	96
To date 2001	4,424	1,224	486	6,134
To date 2000	4,225	711	738	5,674

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Oct-01

	Jumbo	X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	1,270	3,360	1,230	8,910	0	14,770
Last year	111	1,313	2,620	549	9,750	0	14,343
To date 2001	87	55,472	108,196	36,898	326,660	68,144	595,457
To date 2000	2,161	41,905	120,353	28,196	318,484	9,387	520,486

Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

stocks in all warehouses on 30-Sep-01

	Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)				
	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	4,250	488	11,170	1,368	17,276
Previous Month	3,370	685	12,343	1,419	17,817
Last year	3,248	612	9,611	953	14,424
% of Previous Month	126	71	90	96	97
% of Last Year	131	80	116	144	120

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Oct-01

Total Layers on 01-Oct-01 totaled 336 million, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Oct-01 averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from the 69.5 eggs a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Oct-01 = 277.6 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Oct-01 averaged 72.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Oct-00.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.59 billion eggs during Sep-01, up 3% from Sep-00.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Sep-01 totaled 36.6 million, up 1% from Sep-00.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 32.3 million on 01-Oct-01, up 5% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 225,000 during Sep-01, down 3% from Sep-00.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Oct-01 = 261.8 million, up 2% from 01-Oct-00.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Oct-01 = 72.0, up 1% from 01-Oct-00.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Oct-01 were 4.5, down 22% from those in molt on 01-Oct-00.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Oct-01 were 22.7, up 2% from 01-Oct-00.

Layers sold during Sep-01 totaled 13.0 million, down 9% from Sep-00.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Sep-01 were 4.7 million, up 11% from Sep-00.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Oct-01 = 90.2 million, up 1% from 01-Oct-00.

Pullets added during Sep-01 = 20.6 million, down 2% from Sep-00.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS; PURCHASES OF BULK TANKERS NEARING END OCT. 23, 2001

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 872,000 pounds of whole eggs--to be produced from about 22,000 cases of shell eggs--at a cost of approximately \$413,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 9	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	680,000	\$0.4845-\$0.5292	3 of 3
bulk tankers	192,000	\$0.3549	1 of 2

It was also announced that purchases of bulk tankers are nearing completion.

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced May 29, 2001, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound	5,603,000	\$2,806,000
30-pound containers	158,000	\$ 78,000
bulk tankers	4,800,000	\$1,807,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-246 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
11	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Nov. 13 Tuesday	Nov. 16	Dec. 16-31

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-246, Invitation 10, to be delivered from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15, 2001, follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products, Inc.	320,160 @ \$0.4971-0.5292
Crystal Lake Egg Products	280,140 @ \$0.4845-0.5145
Sonstegard Foods Company	80,040 @ \$0.5249-0.5287

Bulk Tankers

Daybreak Foods, Inc.

192,000 @ \$0.3549

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.